



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch (1145)
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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: November 6, 2006
EXPIRATION DATE: November 21, 2006
REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2006-1818-4
WATERWAY: Unnamed Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

APPLICANT: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Post Office Box 196660, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6660.

LOCATION: The proposed project is located within Section 36, T. 9 S., R. 5 W., Copper River Meridian; Latitude 61.0439° N., Longitude 146.0280° W.; Milepost 787.7 of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, approximately 10 miles east of Valdez, Alaska.

PURPOSE: To protect the Trans Alaska Pipeline crossing, bridge, and low water crossing integrity in response to October 2006 flood damages.

WORK: Construct a 150-foot armored guidebank from the bridge abutment, redirect flow upstream of the bridge by excavating the pre-flood channel on right side of the creek, excavating an existing scour channel across the middle of the creek, and constructing a 100-foot long gravel berm and a 150-foot long gravel berm with material excavated from the above channels to block two post-flood high water channels. Although the excavation described is not regulated by the Department of the Army, the discharge of fill below the ordinary high water mark of Unnamed Creek to construct the guidebank and the two gravel berms is regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

A total of approximately 3,000 cubic yards of fill material will be used in constructing the guidebank and approximately 500 and 1,000 cubic yards respectively for the two gravel berms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of Habitat Management and Permitting has reviewed the project and issued Fish Habitat Permit FH06-SPO-0040, Amendment 1. The work described above is on-going and requires completion before freeze-up occurs in order to protect the crossing during the spring break up. Additional repair and restoration

work to the existing bridge abutment, access road, and low water crossing to pre-flood condition is also on-going at this location and authorized by both Nationwide Permit 3 and emergency exemptions described under 33 CFR 323.4(a)(2).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has concurred with the applicant's certification. The applicant has requested an emergency expedited review from OPMP, DNR.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In addition, Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Engineer during the public comment period.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being

coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. et seq and associated federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the NMFS.

We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Bryan Herczeg

at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at bryan.a.herczeg@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

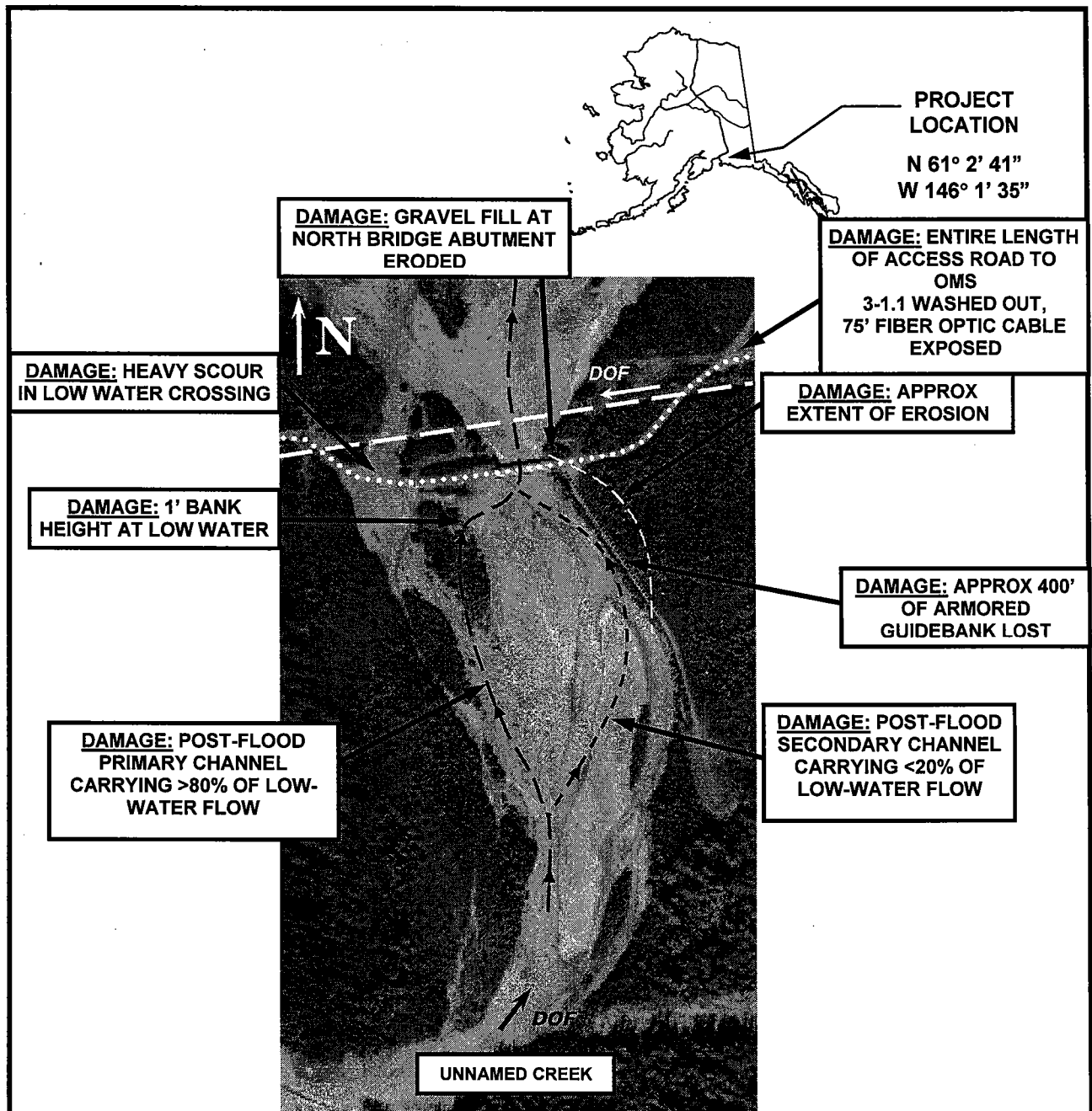
AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

A plan, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments



ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
STATE OF ALASKA (CITY OF VALDEZ SELECTION)

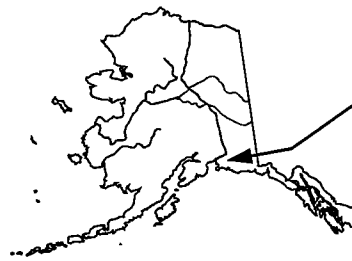
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**PLMP 787.8 UNNAMED CREEK
SUMMARY OF FLOOD DAMAGE
PLATE 1 – Rev 0**

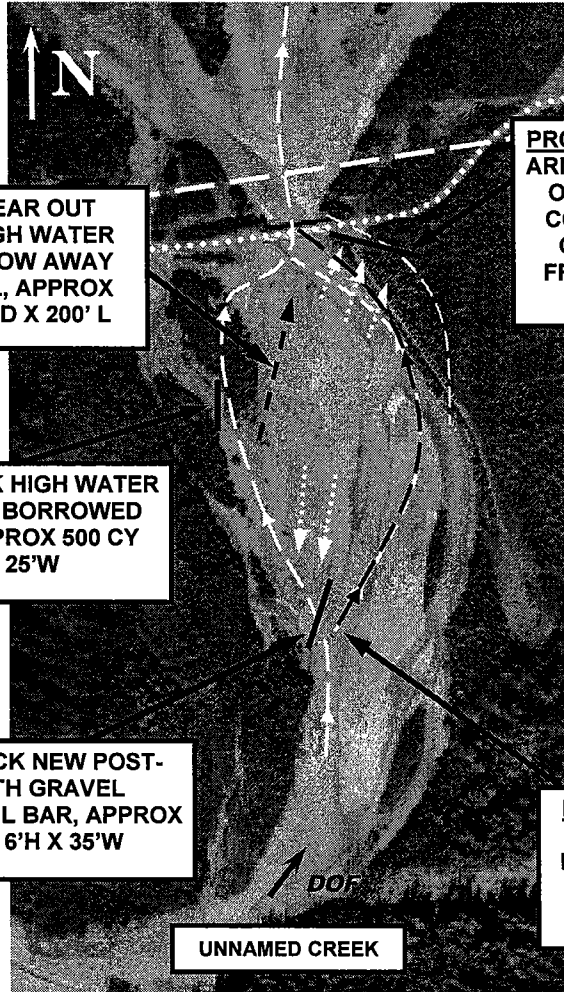
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PROJECT
LOCATION

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W 146° 1' 35"



PROPOSED WORK: CLEAR OUT
SCOUR CHANNEL AS HIGH WATER
CHANNEL TO DIVERT FLOW AWAY
FROM S APPROACH FILL, APPROX
1,000 CY FROM 25'W X 5'D X 200' L

PROPOSED WORK: CONSTRUCT 150'±
ARMORED GUIDE BANK UNTIL DESIGN
OF REPLACEMENT STRUCTURE IS
COMPLETED & INSTALLED IN 2007,
GRAVEL FOR CORE BORROWED
FROM STREAM CHANNEL, APPROX
2,000 CY

PROPOSED WORK: BLOCK HIGH WATER
CHANNEL WITH GRAVEL BORROWED
FROM GRAVEL BAR, APPROX 500 CY
FOR 100'L X 5'H X 25'W

PROPOSED WORK: BLOCK NEW POST-
FLOOD CHANNEL WITH GRAVEL
BORROWED FROM GRAVEL BAR, APPROX
1,000 CY FOR 150'L X 6'H X 35'W

PROPOSED WORK: RE-OPEN PRE-
FLOOD CHANNEL TO CAPTURE
LOW-WATER FLOW, APPROX 2,500
CY FOR 50'W X 5'D X 300'L PILOT
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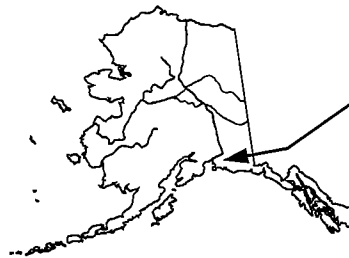
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PLATE 2 – Rev 0

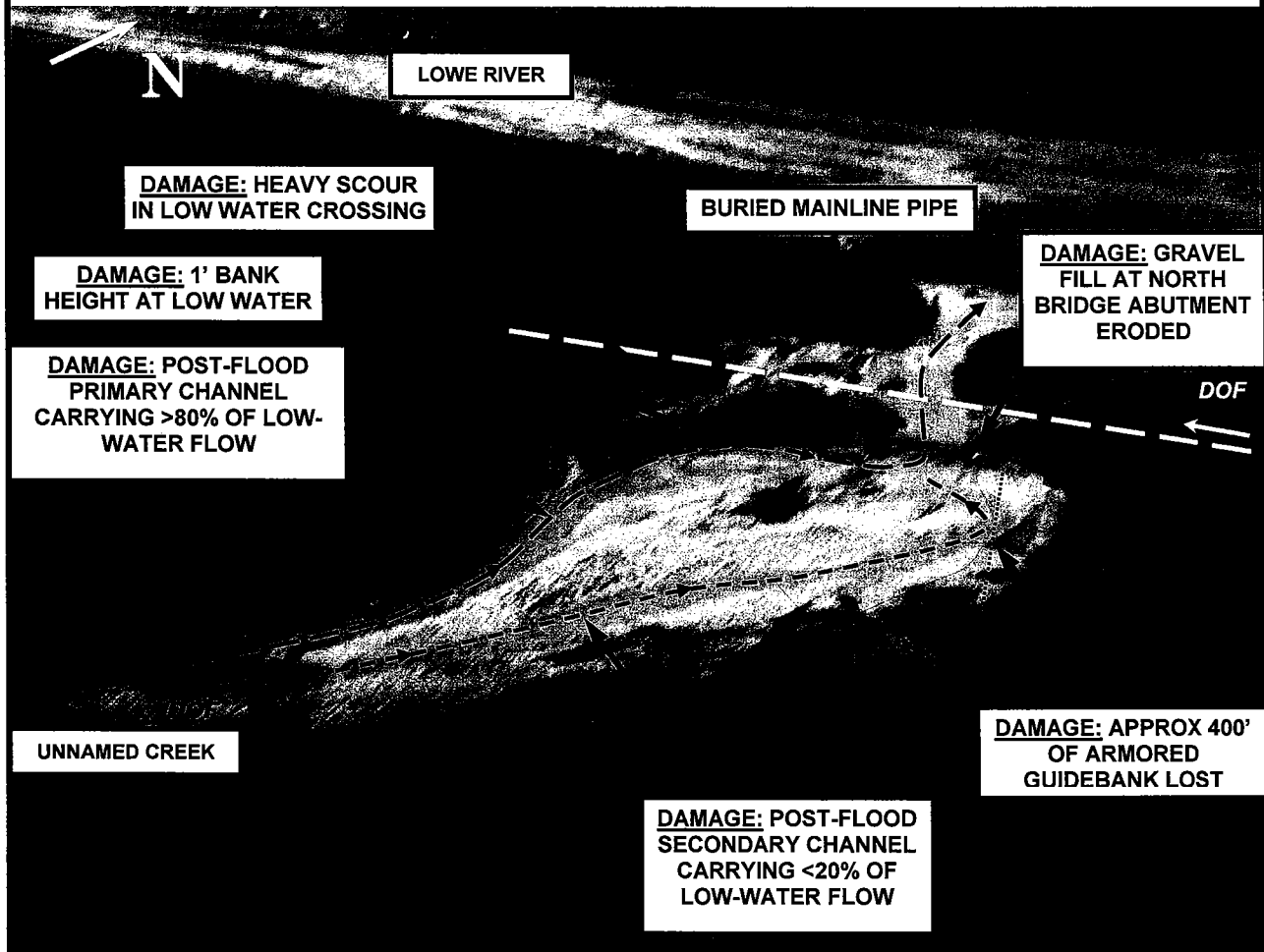
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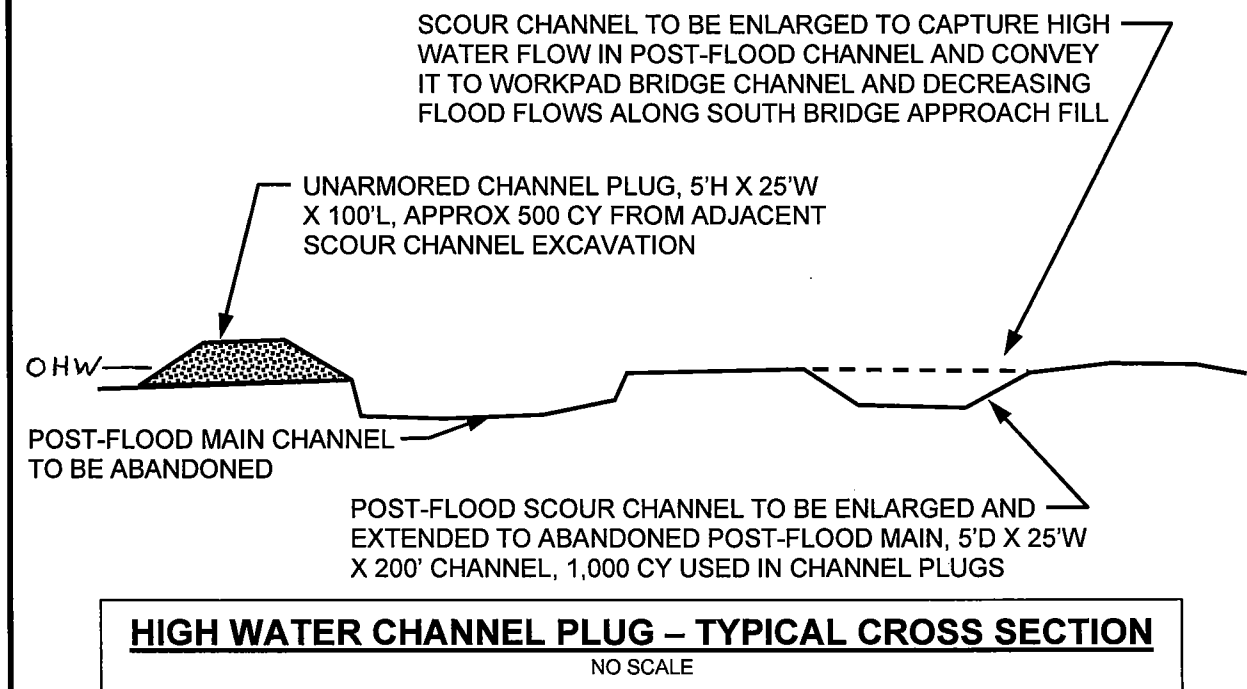
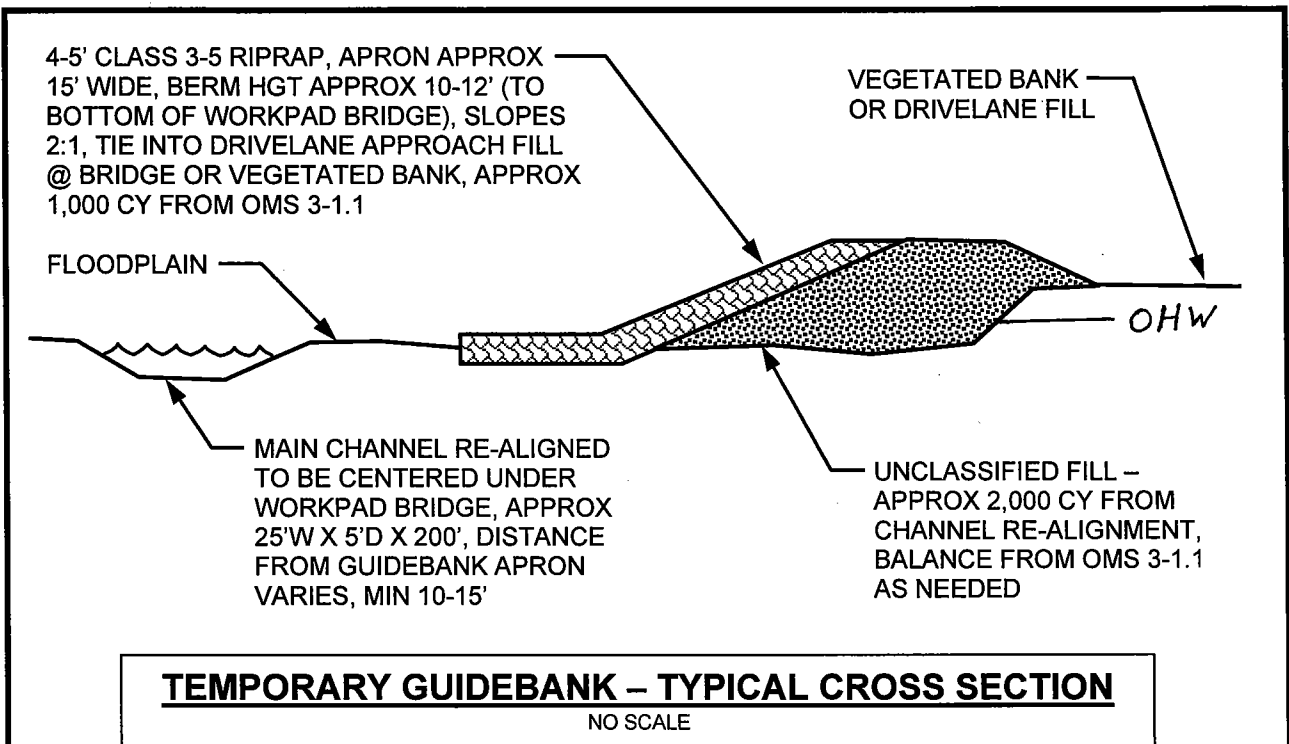
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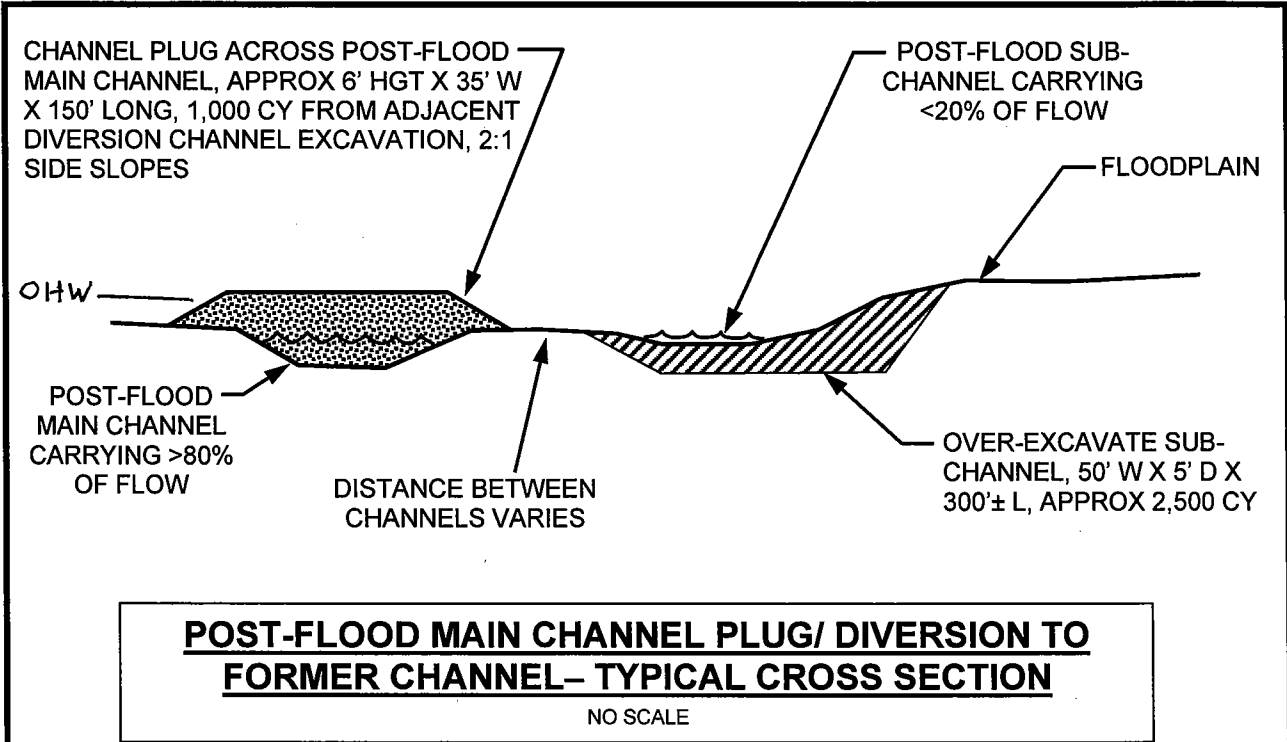
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ANNOTATED HELICOPTER PHOTO TAKEN
DURING HIGH WATER PLATE 3 - Rev 0

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REVISED FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR WORK
PLATE 4 – Rev 0**

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REVISED FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR WORK
PLATE 5 – Rev 0

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STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2006-1818-4, Unnamed Creek**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Office of Project Management and Permitting. For information about this consistency review, contact OPMP at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html>.

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DIVISION OF WATER

401 Certification Program

Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-2006-1818-4, Unnamed Creek, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation
WQM/401 Certification
410 Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795
Telephone: (907) 465-5321
FAX: (907) 465-5274